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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS IN MAJOR DISASTERS

REF: STATE 143213

1. SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO THERE HAVE NOT BEEN MAJOR DISASTERS IN THE NETHERLANDS WITH MANY UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS. LOCAL PRACTICE IS TO BURY REMAINS IN INDIVIDUAL GRAVES CONTAINING ONE TO THREE REMAINS. SUCH GRAVES WILL BE REMOVED AFTER PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. IF UNIDENTIFIED LATE IDENTIFIED , REMAINS CAN BE EXHUMED.

2. UNIDENTIFIED (TWO)AMERICANS FROM TENERIFE AIR DISASTER TOGETHER WITH OTHER UNIDENTIFIED BURIED IN INDIVIDUAL GRAVES OF TWO OR THREE REMAINS. IN THIS CASE BURIAL FINANCED BY KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES. THIS COMPANY HAS OPTION TO RENEW LEASE OF BURIAL GROUND AT THE END OF 10 YEAR PERIOD FOR ADDITIONAL 10 YEAR PERIOD. ALTHOUGH COMPANY S PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED, IT IS ASSUMED THAT KLM INTENDS TO KEEP GRAVES IN TACT FOR INDEFINATE PERIOD OF TIME, ACCORDING TO CEMETARY DIRECTOR.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL AMSTERDAM POLICE SOURCES THERE ARE ABOUT SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS WHICH WILL  
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BE BURIED IN AMSTERDAM  
AT NIEUWE OOSTERBEGRAAFPLAATS CEMETGRY LOCATED AT KRUISLAAN, AMSTERDAM. THE DIRECTOR OF THIS CEMETARY INFORMED THAT THESE REMAINS WILL BE BURIED IN SINGLE GRAVES CONTAINING ONLY ONE REMAIN. FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYOR OF AMSTERDAM, POLICE AUTHORITIES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY CEMETARIES AND DISTRICT COURT AND OTHER OFFICIALS, IT IS UNDER-

STOOD THAT THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM INTENDS TO FINANCE BURIAL OF UNIDENTIFIED VICTIMS TF HOTEL POLEN FIRE. IT IS AS YET UNKNOWN WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL GRAVES WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 10 YEARS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS ONE UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN CITIZEN POST HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF POLICE IN CHARGE OF IDENTIFICATION OF VICTIMS WITH REQUEST TO FIND OUT FROM NEXT-OF-KIN OF LILLIE MAE BURROWS WHETHER:

- (A) THEY WILL APPRECIATE A CHURCH MOURNING SERVICE PRECEDING THE BURIAL OF THE REMAINS
  - (B) IF ANY OF THE RELATIVES INTEND TO COME TO AMSTERDAM TO ATTEND SUCH CHURCH SERVICE AND BURIAL
  - (C) HOW MUCH TIME SUCH NEXT-OF-KIN WOULD REQUIRE TO TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM OUPON RECEIPT OF EXACT DATE SERVICE AND BURIAL WILL BE HELD.
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